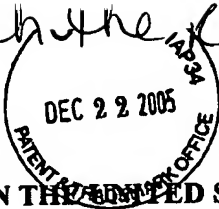


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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 30, 2005, extended to December 30, 2006 by a one (1) month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: